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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

Southern Command personnel handled 1,077 crashes as compared to 1,302 crashes in July 2007. The total crashes decreased by 17.3% compared to last year. This reduction in crashes can be attributed to roadway improvements, multi-agency traffic enforcement initiatives on the highway, extensive public education efforts and the significant increases in fuel costs. When compared to last year, fatalities decreased by 50%, this equates to 6 fewer fatal crashes in July 2008. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a 9.5 % decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last July. Of the 57 commercial vehicle crashes investigated this month, 13 resulted in injuries, 1 fatality and the remaining 44 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 5.3% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 3.3% of all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 1,164 crash reports in July. This resulted in 5,863 crash reports being mailed out, 3.8% less than last July. There were 756 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was an decrease of 23.4% when compared to July 2007.

The Southern Command Communication Center logged 27,094 CAD incidents and 36,076 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had a increase in the overall traffic enforcement by 1.4% in July 2008, as compared to July 2007. DUI arrests from crashes were down 47.1% as compared to last year. DUI arrests prior to crashes increased by 1.8% as compared to last year. Total arrests were down 4.7%.

The Commercial Enforcement Section increased its Hazardous moving violation citations by 74.5% and its other citations by 30.9% as compared to last July. The number of Safety Inspections increased by 33.6% compared to last year. This resulted in 93 vehicles and 58 drivers being placed "Out of Service".

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	July-08		July-07	% Change		June-08	% Change
Total crashes	1077		1302	-17.3%		1081	-0.4%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	783		984	-20.4%		786	-0.4%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	288		306	-5.9%		288	0.0%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	6		12	-50.0%		7	-14.3%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	36		68	-47.1%		55	-34.5%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	7		12	-41.7%		7	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	3		3	0.0%		2	50.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	2		2	0.0%		0	200.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2		4	-50.0%		3	-33.3%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0		3	-300.0%		2	-200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	57		63	-9.5%		40	42.5%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	44		52	-15.4%		32	37.5%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	13		8	62.5%		7	85.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		3	-66.7%		1	0.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .6 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.3%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 71.4%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.3%
- ✱ Total crashes down 17.3 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 9.5% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes down 50 % as compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	July-08		July-07	% Change		June-08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	36		68	-47.1%		55	-34.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	167		164	1.8%		134	24.6%
Other arrests	877		1008	-13.0%		902	-2.8%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	383		402	-4.7%		354	8.2%
Speed violations	4627		4116	12.4%		3283	40.9%
Hazardous moving violations	2224		2405	-7.5%		1889	17.7%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	721		619	16.5%		444	62.4%
Total violations [above violations included]	12110		11938	1.4%		9321	29.9%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	96		55	74.5%		63	52.4%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	343		262	30.9%		176	94.9%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	946		708	33.6%		840	12.6%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	9		0	900.0%		20	-55.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	418		235	77.9%		397	5.3%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1654		1491	10.9%		1488	11.2%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	93		108	-13.9%		113	-17.7%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	58		61	-4.9%		58	0.0%
Total school buses inspected	253		274	-7.7%		227	11.5%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	26		37	-29.7%		37	-29.7%
Total trucks weighed	1226		31	3854.8%		1912	-35.9%
Total overweight citations	57		29	96.6%		31	83.9%
Total dyed fuel inspections	749		708	5.8%		670	11.8%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		2	-200.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections			20		4
Safety Violations Citation			6		
Safety Violations Repair Order			19		7
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"			2		
Dyed Fuel Inspections			17		
Dyed Fuel Citations					

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.12%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 48 years old.
- ✱ .001% of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ .03% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	July 2008	July 2007	% Change	June 2008	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions from Console	361,865	445,200	-18.7%	321542	12.5%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,802,577	877,878	105.3%	1516681	18.9%
CAD Incidents	27094	26868	0.8%	23792	13.9%
Telephone Calls	36076	39989	-9.8%	34917	3.3%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	57	26	119.2%	95	-40.0%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	1,164	1,251	-7.0%	1,144	1.7%
Arrest Reports Processed	511	361	41.6%	316	61.7%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	24	23	4.3%	18	33.3%
Vehicle Impound Releases	135	128	5.5%	103	31.1%
Visitors at Counter	756	987	-23.4%	946	-20.1%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	5,863	6,093	-3.8%	5,789	1.3%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	855	930	-8.1%	432	97.9%
Warrants Entered	396	572	-30.8%	105	277.1%
Warrants Cleared	311	364	-14.6%	490	-36.5%
Warrants Validated		1387	138700.0%	2082	208200.0%
Extradition / Transports	25	20	25.0%	20	25.0%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	54	72	-25.0%	44	22.7%
New Items Submitted	119	146	-18.5%	106	12.3%
Items Disposed	64	20	220.0%	6	966.7%

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 74.1% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 20.4 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 3.7 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 1.9 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0 % of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 10 Contracts using 166.5 hours, billed in the amount of \$11,000.02

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
1004	13	66	21	9

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
659	432	67	81	63	18

Community service appearances: (9)

- Legacy HS, Coronado HS, Del Sol HS, Compass youth programs X2, and Las Vegas College X2.,

Additional Appearances and Meetings: (22)

- Southern Nevada Traffic Advisory Task Force
- IR 15 Coordinating meeting with NDOT, Cal-Trans, and CHP
- Nellis Air Force Base – First Term Airman's Course
- Clark County Public Relations Specialists luncheon
- Special Olympics Tip a Cop at Famous Dave's BBQ
- On going training for Meth 360 Project
- IR 15 Design Build project meetings
- NHTSA teen seat belt video conference
- Joining Forces pedestrian Enforcement 2009 planning mtg.
- Driver's Edge – distribution of OTS funded DVD
- TIM Coalition
- Press Conf. to kickoff PACE Bus Stop Shelter traffic safety campaign
- Illegal Firework enforcement news conf.
- Formula Drift @LVMS Driver's Edge involvement
- Joining Forces 2009 planning meeting and quarterly review - Reno.
- Stop DUI display with Northern Academy cadets
- Driver's Edge – in Reno
- Attorney Generals Advisory Coalition on Impaired Driving
- Nellis AFB JAG Corps – legal forum on Nevada DUI laws
- California Highway Patrol recognition luncheon at Southern Command